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## First statewide TRIAD conference held

Kentucky held its first statewide TRIAD conference on September 5, 2001 at the Holiday Inn in Frankfort, KY. The conference was held in conjunction with the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition's annual conference.

Attorney General Ben Chandler and Jim Wright, National TRIAD Director, along with local law enforcement officials, opened the conference which hosted about 60 participants from around the state.

Participants gained valuable insight from national speakers, including Crime Prevention Officer Dave Fenton of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department in Massachusetts, Elder Service Officer Dotti Burkett-Dreggors of the Semi-

nole County Sheriff's Office in Florida, and Sheriff John P. Stone of Jefferson County, Colorado (Columbine High School).

Special local presenters provided information and techniques on how to start a TRIAD, how to get seniors involved, and projects for TRIAD. Several volunteers from TRIAD's

across the state also shared information and ideas.

The success of this conference was due to the ongoing volunteers and local law enforcement agencies that care about helping seniors. Without the dedication and hard work of these individuals, programs such as TRIAD would likely fade away.



Lexington Fire Chief Halloran speaks at the Triad Conference

*Attorney General  
Ben Chandler speaks to  
the crowd at an  
Elizabethtown  
Senior Day Out*



## Senior Days Out

### **Bolwing Green**

The Bowling Green/Warren County TRIAD hosted their annual Senior Day Out on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Warren County Justice Center in Bowling Green. Attorney General Ben Chandler opened the program with the shocking news of the fallen World Trade Center and the attack on the Pentagon. After a moment of silence for the victims and our country presentations to over 120 seniors from the Attorney General's Office and local law enforcement were made on how to protect themselves against con artists. Tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud, identity theft and sweepstakes were

among the topics of discussion.

### **Elizabethtown**

September 13, 2001 marked the day for the Hardin County TRIAD to host their Senior Day Out at Town Mall in Elizabethtown. This annual event was a huge success with over 250 seniors attending. Special presentations in honor and memory of the late Sheriff Bobby Thomas were made to his family. Also, the Hardin County TRIAD presented Attorney General Chandler a plaque for his dedication to helping seniors around the state. Seniors were rewarded for attending with tips on how to protect themselves from becoming victimized. Presentations from

local law enforcement and the Attorney General's Office regarding telemarketing fraud, identity theft, home improvement and personal protection gave the seniors a weapon against the con artists. They were taught how to be AWARE of the con, how to AVOID the scam, and whom to ALERT if they were suspicious of someone or something.

### **Louisville**

The Louisville TRIAD held its annual Senior Day Out on October 2, 2001 at Oxmoor Mall. Over 500 seniors were given information from local law enforcement agencies, the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Insurance on how to protect themselves from

becoming a victim of fraud. Telemarketing fraud, identity theft, sweepstakes and insurance were a few topics of discussion.

The goal of the presentations was to make the seniors AWARE of what is going on, how to AVOID becoming a victim of crime and whom to ALERT if they have a problem. Various service providers for seniors participated by setting up a booth and having information on hand for the seniors. The Rhythm & Blues Band provided great entertainment and certificates for food made the trip to the food court a splendid experience. When the seniors weren't singing along with the band they were given time to play

**BINGO.** The Oxmoor Mall personnel provided this entertainment and awarded lots of prizes.

### **Owensboro**

The Seniors Day Out event in Owensboro, hosted by the Green River Regional TRIAD, was held on October 4, 2001.

This annual event brought over 700 seniors to visit the Towne Square Mall. Presentations from local law enforcement and the Attorney General's Office on crime prevention topics were well received by all participants. This event was so great the dogs even came. Yes, Hancock

County Sheriff's Office brought their canine unit to this event to demonstrate how the animals are trained and used to search for drugs and other special needs.

Entertainment from Paul Gatewood, Bill Van Winkle, Irvin Royal, the Foot Stompin Express, Joe Mattingly and Bill Campbell added the special touch to make this day long event bigger than last years. And let's don't forget the style show featuring the community's very own Judge/Executives. Door prizes, food and over 30 booths made this day one to remember.

### **Ashland**

The Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition hosted its annual Senior Day Out on October 27, 2001 in Ashland at the Ashland Town Center. Officer Rita Bierly of the Grayson Police Department is a Board Member of the Crime Prevention Coalition and played a big part in the success of this special day.

Around 500 seniors were presented with food coupons, store discounts and an opportunity to win great door prizes when they walked into the Ashland Town Center to begin their day long outing.

Presentations pertaining to crime prevention were made by state and local law enforcement as well as staff from the Attorney General's Office.

Tips on how to keep themselves from becoming victims of crime were given along with a booklet called "Helping Seniors" to make them AWARE of what is going on, how to AVOID fraudulent scams, and whom to ALERT if they have a problem.

Free blood pressure checks and entertainment completed the day.

## **Campbell County TRIAD Established**

**O**n April 3, 2001 the Triad Cooperative Agreement for Campbell County was signed.

The county and city police departments, along with the faith communities and agencies that serve older adults, recognize the challenges presented by an increasing populations of older adults in the county.

The Campbell County TRIAD is dedicated to finding ways to more effectively deal with these problems.

For more information on the Campbell County Triad, contact Pat Schneider, Coordinator, at (859) 525-4963, Lt. Col. Keith Hill at (859) 635-3316. The mailing address for the TRIAD is 3504 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076.

*Pictured signing the agreement are (left to right) Campbell County Sheriff John Dunn, Chief Carl Mullen, President of the Campbell County Chiefs of Police Association, Barbara Gunn, Executive Director of Senior Services of Northern Kentucky, and Rev. Bill Neuroth, Executive Director of the Interfaith Commission.*



**Know anyone  
who has lived  
in three centuries?**

*The Senior Snooper is looking for people born in the late 1800's. Send us their names and addresses. We're sending out special greetings and want to include them.*

**Office of Attorney General  
Attn: Roberta Merideth  
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Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

## Meet a Centenarian

*Reprinted from an article by Jim Jordan, Lexington Herald-Leader Business Writer*

**J**. C. Eversole celebrated his 100th birthday last (August) with 350 friends and relatives. They came from as far away as New York to wish the founder and longtime chief executive of First Federal Savings & Loan Association in Hazard a great second century.

"He looked a lot younger than some of the other people at the celebration," said Molly Toler, his granddaughter. "He was as happy

as he could be."

Eversole founded First Federal in 1960 "when he was at the age when he could have retired," Toler noted.

From that day until he broke a hip a few (months) ago, "Joe" Eversole has reported for duty nearly every day. He gave up the CEO's hat five years ago, but remains an active director.

### Memories

Mr. Eversole remembers his father, a local

physician, making house calls on horseback. He also fondly remembers a year he lived in Louisville while his father spent his last year in medical school. They lived in the Seelbach Hotel, which did not have electricity at the time, only gas lamps.

Mr. Eversole looks forward to continuing to work for many more years to come.



*J. C. Eversole  
of Hazard*



## A Hundred Years Ago...

**W**hat a difference a century makes! Look at things back in 1901:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. for men was 47.

Only 14% of US homes had a bathtub.

Only 8% of homes had a telephone. A three minute call from Denver to New York City cost 11 dollars.

There were only 8000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved road.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in

the US was 22 cents an hour. The average US worker earned between 200 and 400 dollars a year.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

90% of all US physicians had no college degree and the medical schools they attended were condemned by both the press and the government as substandard.

Sugar cost 4 cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen. Coffee cost 15 cents a pound.

The five leading causes of death in the US were  
1) Pneumonia and influenza,  
2) Tuberculosis, 3) Diarrhea, 4) Heart disease, 5) Stroke.

One in ten adults could not read or write. Only 6% of all Americans had graduated

from High School.

Ride-by shootings in which teenage boys galloped down the street on horses randomly shooting at anything that caught their fancy were an ongoing problem in Denver and other western cities.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

The "Happy Birthday" song originated in the Louisville kindergarten classroom of sisters Mildred Jane Hill and Patty Smith Hill.

1901 Mercedes 35HP Simplex sVI



## Protecting Seniors from abuse

The Medicaid Fraud & Abuse Control Division has the responsibility to investigate and prosecute two types of criminal cases involving Medicaid funds in Kentucky: fraud committed by any Medicaid provider; and patient abuse or neglect occurring in any healthcare facility that receives Medicaid funds.

The victim of abuse or neglect does not have to be a Medicaid recipient, as long as the offense occurs in a facility that receives Medicaid funds. Most

nursing homes in the state receive Medicaid funds. The overwhelming majority of victims of nursing home abuse and neglect are seniors. As in cases of abuse of very young children, the victims in these cases are often unable to articulate what has occurred, or they are fearful of retaliation.

The Division receives referrals from Adult Protective Services of all substantiated cases of abuse or neglect in a Medicaid facility, and receives referrals from the state licensing

agency of all citations issued to a facility that involve immediate jeopardy—risk of serious physical injury or death of a resident.

In a given year, the Division investigates approximately 100

allegations of nursing home abuse and neglect, ranging from intentional assault by a Certified Nurse Aide, to neglect through failure to provide sufficient care keep a resident from becoming severely dehydrated, suffering serious weight loss, or sepsis leading to multi-organ failure.

Last year, the Division prosecuted the first case nationwide of a public corporation for nursing home neglect. The two-year investigation revealed that 24 residents of the former Pavilion Health Care Center in Louisville, were victims of bed sores, dehydration, and malnutrition, and that top management had knowledge of these conditions, yet continued to collect thousands of dollars in Medicaid funds for allegedly providing care. Ultimately, the management pled guilty and paid \$1.2 million in fines.

The Division encourages families of nursing home residents to monitor the care of their family member, to ask questions of caregivers and administrative personnel, and to report suspected abuse or neglect to the local office of Adult Protective Services.



*Barbara Whaley serves as Director of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Division*

**K**entucky may be getting closer to passing an effective "no-call" law. Legislation has again been proposed this legislative session to restrict telephone solicitation. The 2002 General Assembly is considering passage of a bill that would allow consumers to be voluntarily placed on a no-call list maintained by the Office of the Attorney General. A no-call list currently exists, but is not very effective due to the number of exemptions in the law.

Not only are telemarketing calls annoying and intrusive, many times they are fraudulent. Over \$40 billion a year is lost through telemarketing fraud.

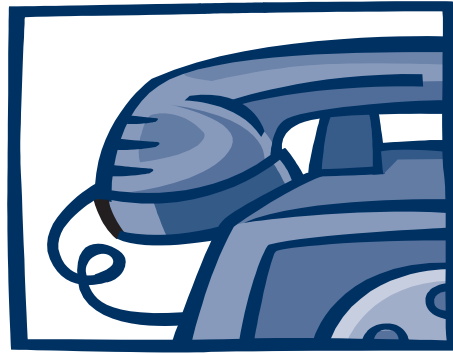
There are some things you can do to avoid being a victim of this industry. When a stranger calls, remember:

-Don't be afraid to say no, or hang up. Remember, they called you.

-Free means "free." If a prize is offered, never send upfront fees to receive the "free" prize.

-Never give out your credit card, bank account, or social security

## Sign the Telemarketing "No Call" List



**NO** *more*  
**CALLS**  
*please!*

**1-800-671-7701**

**www.kyattorneygeneral.com**

number to someone you don't know.

-Tell the caller to put you on the company's "Do not call" list. By law, they must.

-Resist high pressure sales tactics. Legitimate businesses respect that you're not interested.

-Don't send money by courier, overnight delivery, or wire to anyone who insists on immediate payment.

-Do research on the company. Check with the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office.

-If a telemarketer is unwilling to provide you with specifics in writing, be suspicious.

-Don't buy tickets in a foreign-based lottery,

no matter how tempting the offer. It's illegal.

-If the caller is abusive or threatening, hang up at once.

-If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

### *Contact your Legislators*

*If you would like to contact your legislators to voice your opinion and/or leave a message, you may do so by calling:*

**1-800-372-7181**

### *To file a complaint against a telemarketer, contact:*

*Office of the Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
1024 Capital Center Drive  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601*

*or call:*

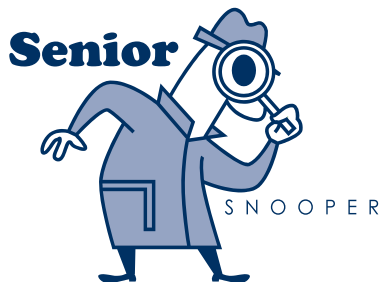
**1-888-432-9257**



## Calendar of Events

<b>March 20, 2002</b>	Senior Crime College - Elliot Co. Senior Ctr
<b>March 22, 2002</b>	Senior Crime College - Oldham Co. Aquatic Ctr
<b>March 27, 2002</b>	Senior Crime College - Lawrence Co. Senior Ctr
<b>April 14-16, 2002</b>	KAG Conference - Hurstborne Hotel, Louisville
<b>April 17, 2002</b>	Somerset TRIAD Meeting
<b>April 22, 2002</b>	Senior Crime College - Hancock Co. Senior Ctr
<b>May 8, 2002</b>	Senior Day Out - Somerset Mall
<b>May 13, 2002</b>	Senior Day Out - Turfland Mall, Lexington
<b>May 23, 2002</b>	Senior Day Out - Ky Oaks Mall, Paducah

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